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NEWS AND COMMENT.

LORD KITCHENER'S latest report from Pretoria sheds no beam of hope on the gloomy situation for the British.

John C. Sims, secretary of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died in Philadelphia Sunday, the result of an operation for appendicitis.

BEGINNING the first of the year, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company granted not less than four hundred employes retirement with pensions for life.

THE Taylor-Patterson contest in the Memphis, Tenn., congressional district is off, Mr. Taylor having failed to file his charges within the time prescribed by law.

John T. Flynn, a farmer of Dodge Station, Ky., committed suicide at the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington by swallowing a mixture of strychnine, morphine and carbolic acid.

EIGHT men lost their lives Sunday morning at the burning of the Harvard Hotel at Minneapolis, Minn. The men were overtaken by dense volumes of smoke in the dark, narrow hallways of the building, and death in every instance was due to suffocation.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT LEM P. PADGETT, of the Seventh District, came in last night, and is stopping at the Maxwell. Mr. Padgett was a member of the last Senate, and is receiving the congratulations of friends upon his election to Congress after a spirited race.—Nashville American.

Mrs. JOHN A. MURPHY, of Cincinnati, and her daughters, will contest the will of the late Samuel Murphy, of Nashville, and the adoption of Mr. and Mrs. Felder by Mrs. Murphy. It is alleged that Mr. Murphy promised his relatives that they should become his heirs. Mrs. John A. Murphy says that her husband received less than \$100,000 from his brother.

THE Bowden House at Martin, Tenn., was destroyed by fire Friday morning. The occupants of the hotel were aroused just in time to escape with their lives, many of them having to scale the walls in order to reach the street from the second and third stories, and quite a number did not have time to dress, and had to rush into the street in their night clothing.

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CARMACK

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Will Succeed Turley in the Senate.

WAS GIVEN A ROUSING OVATION.

The Senate and House Caucuses Finish their work of Nominating Officials, except Secretary of State and Librarian.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 8.—At 3:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Representative J. E. Fust, of Trousdale County, called the joint caucus to order in the Hall of Representatives. The house was filled to overflowing with Senators, Representatives and many ladies and private citizens, anxious to attend the deliberations.

Senator Joseph W. Byrnes of Davidson county, was selected Chairman by acclamation, and Representative John Dow of Putnam County, and the clerks of the two houses were made secretaries. On motion of Representative Peay the caucus decided first to nominate a United States Senator, State Senator, State Treasurer and then State Comptroller.

Mr. Carmack Nominated. Representative John Blake of Lincoln County, in an eloquent speech nominated E. W. Carmack for United States Senator.

Representative T. C. Gordon, of the Eighteenth District, moved that the nomination be tendered Congressman Carmack by acclamation, there being no other candidate before the house.

Mr. Carmack was escorted to the stand and introduced by Senator Davis, who said he deemed it a great privilege and pleasure to present the next United States Senator in the person of Tennessee's most distinguished son Hon. E. W. Carmack. In response to the ovation tendered him, Mr. Carmack spoke in part as follows:

Mr. Carmack Speaks. "I have no words with which to thank you for this mark of your confidence and esteem, but I beg you to believe that no man could have received this honor at your hands with a deeper sense of gratitude or a higher purpose to wear it as becomes a senator from the proud State of Tennessee. The gratitude which I cannot express in words I shall try to show by a service faithfully and laboriously devoted to your interests and the true glory and welfare of our common country."

"Rejoicing as I do in this evidence of your esteem, my pleasure is sobered by a sense of the duties and responsibilities it will cast upon me."

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This sense of responsibility is deepened by the consideration that my record must be compared with the record of that able statesman, that profound lawyer, that stainless gentleman, Thomas B. Turley, whose voluntary retirement to private life will be a loss which my poor services cannot repair; and I shall need your charity indeed if I am to be measured by the standard of his illustrious predecessor, that grand and heroic old figure, Isham G. Harris, blessed be his memory forever.

"My fellow citizens, in a free republic honors go not with titles, but with duty performed. The richest laurel will wither to the touch of an ignoble brow, and the title which is a mark of distinction to the faithful public servant, becomes to the unworthy but a badge of infamy and a brand of shame. He who receives a high and honorable office from his country should regard it not so much an honor in itself as an opportunity to gain honor by a high minded devotion to his country's service. With this conception of the relations I am to assume, and with the ratification of your choice by the General Assembly, I shall enter upon the discharge of my duties. I shall not forget that in doing so I shall be a representative of all the people of Tennessee; but standing in the presence of this Democratic caucus, I may be permitted to say that according to my own view I shall best serve the whole State and all the people by a rigid adherence to the great principles of the Democratic party."

"Let me add, Mr. Chairman, that my faith in the destiny of the Democratic party and my hope of its future has not been dimmed by defeat. I speak to you in the faith that this republic was not born to die. I believe that the noble principles upon which it was founded and by which it has been strengthened and sustained will surely triumph over greed and corruption and all the base and brutal passions of this little hour. The Democratic party has but to inscribe the principles of American liberty and the welfare of the American people upon its banner, and under this sign we shall conquer if this republic is to endure. If the American republic is to perish, God forbid that the Democratic party should survive."

"My friends, we can afford to endure the scoldings of those who say that sentiment has no place in the politics of this practical age, who tell us that we are not in accord with the progressive spirit of the time. I say to you that if the time shall ever come when 'sentiment' ceases to influence governments, that time will be when justice, love and pity, and all the Christian virtues shall have perished from the earth. Such sentiments wrought for the creation of this republic and have continued to speed it on its high career. I believe that a man may be intensely practical, yet serve God and love his brother. I believe that he may be diligent in business, yet keep to the Golden Rule. And I believe that Christian love and peace should rule the halls of power as well as the hearthstones of the people. I believe that God should abide in the constitution of every government and the spirit of Christianity in its every act and law. And I believe that whenever a country stoops from these high sentiments to follow low and sordid ends, it is but preparing for its doom denounced by Holy Writ upon 'all the nations that forget God.'"

"And what is the 'progress' in whose name we are asked to turn our backs upon all the history and traditions of our country? I believe that the noblest forward steps in the march of civilization was made when this republic was founded upon the dignity of manhood and the rights of man. It is not progress, it is retrogression, to abandon the Declaration of Independence and the principles of the American Constitution. It is not progress to spurn the great conception that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, nor is it progress to turn back to the old mediaeval spirit of force and conquest which this nation was born to destroy."

"My friends, for 125 years this nation, uncorrupted by the lust for empire of dominion, free from the burdens and danger of great military establishments, has kept the even tenor of its way till it stands incomparably the greatest nation of the earth. Such a nation does not need to advertise its greatness by the shouting of its Captains and the thunder of its guns. It does not need to scrawl its name across the page of history in the red blood of mankind."

"Mr. Chairman, I believe it to be the duty and the mission of the Democratic party to keep the country to the history, the traditions and the ideals of the republic. To such aim and purpose I dedicate my humble service, feeling assured that I shall not lack the approval of the noble manhood and womanhood of Tennessee."

"And now, Mr. Chairman, to every member of this caucus, and to every friend throughout the State, I return my sincere and heartfelt thanks and leave you with the hope that under the wise guidance of your able Governor, harmony, prudence and enlightened statesmanship may attend all your deliberations during this session of the General Assembly."

Presented With Flowers.

At the conclusion of his address, and particularly during his allusions to the Filipinos, Mr. Carmack was warmly applauded. Richard Bapst, Secretary to Congressman Carmack, stepped up to the speaker's stand as the Congressman was about to leave, carrying a beautiful bunch of Sumner County roses. These

were presented to Mr. Carmack by Speaker Bright Wilson, of Sumner County, as a token from the people of the birthplace of the Senator-elect. In receiving the flowers, Mr. Carmack made a very graceful and touching speech.

It was decided to dispense with nominating speeches in putting the names for Treasurer and Comptroller before the caucus.

Representative Henderson, of Shelby County, a close personal friend, placed in nomination Raul E. Folk, of Davidson county, for State Treasurer. The nomination was made by acclamation.

Senator J. M. Davis nominated Theo. F. King for Comptroller, and his nomination was made also by acclamation.

By agreement the nomination of Secretary of State was postponed until Thursday afternoon, and the caucus adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon to nominate a candidate for Librarian.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Caucus Transact Business Without Loss of Time.

The Senate caucus met last night at 8 o'clock and the House caucus in the afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, for the purpose of concluding their business. Both bodies went through with their proceedings without the loss of time, the full list of nominations being as follows:

SENATE OFFICIALS.

Speaker—Newton H. White, of Giles.

Clerk—James A. Kirby, of Robertson.

Assistant Clerk—Ed Thomas, of Davidson.

Engraving Clerk—Miss Graham German, of Williamson.

Sergeant-at-Arms—L. T. Johnson, of Smith.

Pages—James S. Tibbs, of Davidson, and Alex Barnes, of Putnam.

HOUSE OFFICIALS.

Speaker—E. B. Wilson, of Sumner.

Clerk—E. E. Adams, of Wilson.

Assistant Clerk—E. B. Martin, of Davidson.

Engraving Clerk—Miss Hettie Farr, of Williamson.

Sergeant-at-Arms—G. J. Adams, of Shelby.

Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms—F. T. Wilson, of Smith, and T. R. Turrence, of Davidson.

CENTER OF POPULATION

Moves Westward to a Point Near Columbus, Ind.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The exact geographical center of population, according to calculations made by the census office, is found at a point in latitude 38 degrees 9 minutes 38 seconds, and 85 degrees 48 minutes 54 seconds west longitude. This point is about seven miles south of Columbus, Indiana. From the date of the first census, in 1790, the center of population has advanced westward in a line varying slightly from the thirty-ninth parallel of north latitude, being generally a little north of the line. The westward movement during the last decade has been the smallest of any ten years since the first census, because the population in the western part of the United States has increased less rapidly in proportion to the increase in the eastern section than ever before. Had it not been for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands and the increase in the population of Alaska, it is probable that there would have been no westward movement of the geographical center of population during the last ten years.

FOUR ARRESTS MADE.

Charged with the Murder of Eugene Smith in Moore County.

LYNCHBURG, Tenn., Jan. 4.—Sheriff Woodard late this afternoon brought to Lynchburg and committed to jail, without bond, William Carpenter, W. R. Williamson and wife and their daughter, Lula Williamson, all charged with the murder of Eugene E. Smith, who was killed with an ax at the home of the Williamsons, near Lois, in this county, last Tuesday night. The warrants for the arrest were sworn out this morning before Squire Sebastian by Mrs. Smith, widow of the murdered man.

At the Coroner's inquest held Wednesday morning certain testimony was adduced tending to show that William Carpenter was the only person known to be at odds with Smith. The two men are alleged to have been intimate with Lula Williamson, and it is known that a heated quarrel occurred between them recently, in which the woman was the subject of dispute.

NEWT. WHITE.

He Has Things His Own Way for the Speakership.

Special to the Herald.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 4.—Senator Brendan this afternoon withdrew from the race for speaker of the Senate, and will support N. H. White of Giles, who apparently has more than enough to elect.

White's opponents held a meeting this morning, but could not show enough to induce anyone to enter the race against him, and none of those in had any chance.

The fight over the House Speakership is also finished, except for a few final moves. E. S. Wilson of Sumner county has the race won, and it is certain that two of his opponents will withdraw this afternoon.

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PHILIP D. ARMOUR.

Millionaire Passes Away at His Chicago Home.

Had Been Ill for a Long Time—His Vast Business Interests.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Philip D. Armour died at his residence on Prairie avenue, in this city, at 5:45 p. m. today. The end came after two years of illness, during which time Mr. Armour visited German baths, passed the cold months in Southern California and devoted himself largely to an attempt to restore his health, which, however, had been broken never to be regained.

Estimates of Mr. Armour's own estate run from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000. This, of course, does not include the \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 owned by the younger members of his family.

Philip D. Armour, who was in his 69th year, made his own life on lines unique and wholly original with himself.

From a not over-rich Oneida County, N. Y., farm to the position of paying more freight and controlling more provisions than any other man in the world were the two extremes of his life.

The California gold fever struck Western New York in 1849 and young Armour was the first in Stockbridge to determine to visit the Pacific coast. He secured the permission of his parents and at that age started, having three or four companions from the same neighborhood. The almost incredible part of it was that the party walked nearly the entire distance from New York to California.

The commercial sense which always predominated in his life indicated its presence as soon as he saw the gold fields of California. He made money from the start and at the end of six years he returned home with a fortune. Becoming dissatisfied with the quiet life of his native town, he came West again, and together with a brother-in-law established a large wholesale grocery house in Milwaukee. This venture was also successful and in a year's time he purchased the largest grain elevator in Milwaukee. This led to more elevators and railroad stock.

In 1866 he came to Chicago to take charge of the Chicago branch of a New York packing establishment. The result was that the Chicago house ceased to be a branch, and the West gained the largest packing and provision plant in the world.

The property interests for which Mr. Armour stood are estimated at \$150,000,000. His personal share of this property is variously estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

In works of charity Mr. Armour's monument will be found in the Armour Institute, to which, but a

short time ago, he gave \$750,000 in one remembrance.

While Mr. Armour's name was more generally associated in the public mind with the great packing and provision establishment in which he was interested, and which do an annual business exceeding \$100,000,000, employing 20,000 persons and having representatives in every city of importance in the world, he was actively interested in many big enterprises. As the owner of an important system of grain elevators and as a heavy investor in the grain products of the Middle and Western States, Mr. Armour was an important factor in the grain markets of the world.

ANOTHER LAWSUIT.

A Nashville Doctor Sued for \$20,000 Damages.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Edwards Sinclair, who was shot by his brother-in-law, W. R. Elliston, in Kentucky several months ago, has sued Dr. M. C. McGannon, one of the best-known surgeons and specialists in Nashville, for \$20,000 for alleged malpractice. He claims McGannon did not treat his wounds properly, and for this reason he is now an invalid. McGannon, on the other hand, says Sinclair declined to pay him his bill for services, and that had he extracted the bullet from Sinclair's body, with Sinclair under an anesthetic, the patient would not have survived the operation. Every effort has been made to keep the suit quiet, and the publication to-morrow morning will be a great sensation.

A BIG MULE DAY.

Several Hundred Head Sold Monday—Good Prices Ruled.

Monday was the biggest mule day Columbia has seen in a long time. The mules were here by the hundreds, and nearly all of them changed hands. A number of buyers were here from a distance, and they wanted the mules and were willing to pay good prices for them. Altogether about twenty-five carloads, or five hundred head, were bought and are being shipped. Notwithstanding the large crowd of people here, the police report that exceptionally good order was kept. Only one man was arrested on the charge of drunkenness, and he repented of his act this morning and said he never intended to do it again.

AFRICAN BELIGERENTS.

Albert Alderson Wages War Against John Frierson.

Albert Alderson, Jr., aged twenty years, and John Frierson, aged twenty years, both descendants of Ham, went to war Monday in West End. Alderson got his gun and fired a broadside of shot at Frierson, several of the missiles taking effect in his adversary's countenance and causing a painful, although not serious injury. Alderson gave himself up to the officials this morning, and was released on his own recognizance.